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16 September 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Albania

1. Attached hereto is a cable which has been submitted to me after coordination through all the appropriate area divisions and staffs up to and including Dick Helms, but which I have declined to release because of your recent statements to me concerning the views of the Secretary of State. (Incidentally the proposed cable is not strictly accurate in that your talks in London were not the moving cause of the decision to postpone the proposed FIEND/VALUABLE meeting.) It is my recommendation that this telegram be held up until such time as you have had an opportunity to re-raise the subject of an Albanian operation at the OCB.

2. As matters now stand, it is our understanding that we are placed under restrictions by the OCB decision of recent date against any discussion of a possible Albanian^{38th} operation with the British -- even at the service level. I further understand that an ad hoc committee, made up of representatives of State, Defense and CIA, is supposedly addressing itself to a re-examination of this matter, but I hear from ☐ ☐ who has been acting as our representative, that there appears to be very little enthusiasm on the part of the State Department representative, and not too much activity in this committee.

(Signed) FRANK G. WISNER

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Deputy Director (Plans)

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RE: [] 1606 (IN 16033)

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FIEND/VALUABLE MEETING INDEFINITELY PENDING FURTHER EXPLORATION AND DEVELOP-
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